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Sun. April 11. 1926.

Dearest Family.

Am a little more light-hearted today than I have been for some time. My Greek exam is over now, and I believe that I passed ably. I'll be very much surprised if I didn't.

Am coming along fine in debate in fact Prof Miller told Lois and I the other day that our appearance on the platform was the best of any of the team. He likes the ease of speaking, and type of voice - and just the general appearance of ease in speaking.

Then I feel pretty good because it's spring -

I believe I wrote you the
beautiful quotation which
I heard.

"I push the blades of grass
aside and lay my
finger on the heart
of God".

Isn't that beautiful?

I feel good because my
check from the board came
and all my bills are
paid.

I feel good because my
room is spotlessly clean
and there's cheerful.

I had my rugs - comfort and
sheets all cleaned. It was
so thoughtful of you to send
my laundry special delivery
- so I got my pretty clean

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curtains up Saturday
afternoon. It came (I mean
my laundry) after I had
finished cleaning my room
so just in time to put
them up and make things
look so nice, and then
those beautiful sprung
daffodils came, packed
so prettily - came there
beautifully. I love them
and the dear verse, you
wrote, mother. I gave one
to ^{each of} some of my best friends
here, and copied the verse
for them, and they appreciated
it so much. They are so
beautiful.

I have two baskets of them.
One of the baskets we made in

D. V. B. S. is hanging on
my window shade - full
of the young ones. They get
the sun there and look
so pretty.

Mrs. Gould used the
basket of gonguils for a dinner
party at Walden this noon,
the head table and of course
they all remarked and she
told them where they came
from.

Prexy preached at church
this morning, a very interesting
sermon, and the first sermon
he's preached since he came
back. He walks with a cane
and doesn't look a bit
well.

Mother, I'll bet you
can't guess what I bought
with the dollar you sent me!

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- One of my favorite pieces -
"Oh Promise Me" - for the
victrola - sung by a beautiful
contralto. Have been playing
it all afternoon - I love it,
I never get tired of it. I
used to sing it to Mary on
Sunday afternoons in our
room at Hoover - with my
ukule.

Received a special from
Mary today - long letter.

It's real cold tonight but
yesterday was a beautiful warm
day. The sun shone today.
The

Wore my new spring
suit fit and it surely is stunning.

got another awful cold in
Akron - and I'm trying hard
to get rid of it - because I
debate at Oberlin this coming
Thursday night. Whee!

The Easter card you sent
was beautiful. I've memorized
the verse inside & I like it
so much

As deep beneath the fallow sod
The blooms await the smile of God
So may your heart in secret hold
The seeds of happiness untold
And may God smile upon them there
And make your heart a garden
fair.

Beautiful!

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And don't think I wasn't aware of the "appropriateness" (if there is such a word) of Mary and her little lambs on the cover. The card I sent Mary had a girl and two lambs on it.

Am embroidering a green veil dress. in all colors. It's going to be very pretty.

My curtains were packed so neatly - I wish you folks could see my room tonight. When I was in Akron Mrs. Austin gave me two of the prettiest waxed crepe paper butterflies. - They're to stick on lamps or flowers in the house. Cute! & Love

A friend of hers was making
them for a bazar. They're an
awfully clever novelty.

Went to three shows while
in Akron. Came back Tuesday
morning and studied.
Wednesday I felt awful.
This cold was coming then. I
guess that was why - and I
couldn't study. ~~Friday~~ ^{Thursday} Thurs.
was worse and Friday I
went to the nurses. & took a
hot bath & dosed up and was
in bed early - for I had this
quick exam in the
morning. - and I had to
be fit. E.

Felt a lot better Sat.
morning as I slept well Fri
and sweat - all nite.

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Doris know what I'm going to do about next year - I'd like to live in the dorm. Only 4 years in college life and so I don't know what I'll do. - Nothing whatever is in sight.

Have played the vic so much today - I enjoy it so. Haduk played it all last week.

I'm to lead S. Volunteers a week from Tues. Missed getting the Pres. assistant of the S. V. by one vote. 8-9.

I believe I've told you most of the news - so I guess I'd better stop & write to Mary -

Much Love to Adl.

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Yours
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